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MEMORANDUM

TO: Philip E. Stutzman, Director of Compliance
FROM: Vicki Rippie, Executive Director
DATE: March 20, 2008
SUBJECT: Filing Complaint against Yes for South King Fire Campaign

RCW 42.17.040 requires political committees to timely register within two weeks of having the expectation of receiving contributions or making expenditures in support of or opposition to a candidate or ballot proposition.

RCW 42.17.080 and 090 requires political committees to file timely, accurate reports of contributions and expenditures, including in-kind contributions. Under the full reporting option, until five months before the general election, C-4 reports are required monthly when contributions or expenditures exceed \$200 since the last report. C-4 reports are also required 21 and 7 days before each election, and in the month following the election, regardless of the level of activity. Contribution deposits made during this same time period must be disclosed on the Monday following the date of deposit.

Summary:

On December 3, 2007, Yes for South King Fire Campaign (referred to as YSKFC) filed a Committee Registration Statement (PDC Form C-1pc), and selected the full reporting option. **(Exhibit 1)** The C-1pc filed by YSKFC indicated they would be supporting Proposition #1, a measure placed on the August 21, 2007 primary election ballot by King County Fire Protection District No. 39 doing business as "South King County Fire and Rescue." The C-1pc filed by YSKFC was submitted more than three and one half months after the 2007 primary election had been held.

A representative of the YSKFC contacted PDC staff in November 2007 and acknowledged that the committee had failed to timely register and report as a political committee supporting a local 2007 ballot proposition, and stated that the committee would be filing the missing reports shortly.



On December 3, 2007, YSKFC filed a single C-4 report summarizing the entire campaign disclosing that the committee received \$6,883 in contributions and made expenditures totaling \$6,883. **(Exhibit 2)** YSKFC did not file the required 21-day and 7-day pre-election C-4 reports.


The C-4 report filed by YSKFC was submitted more than three and one half months after the 2007 primary election had been held.

In addition, on December 3, 2007, YSKFC filed four C-3 reports disclosing that the committee had received \$6,883 in monetary contributions. **(Exhibit 3)** The contributions were received by YSKFC during the period June 6 through October 3, 2007. YSKFC failed to file weekly C-3 reports for the four C-3 reports that were submitted on December 3, 2007.

Alleged Violations:

Yes for South King Fire Campaign appears to have violated RCW 42.17.040, .080, .090 during 2007 by failing to timely register and report as a political committee in support of Proposition #1, a measure placed on the August 21, 2007 primary election ballot by South King County Fire and Rescue.

Based on this information, I am filing this complaint and directing staff to investigate the allegations that Yes for South King Fire Campaign violated chapter RCW 42.17.


Vicki Rippie
Executive Director


Date

Exhibits

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| Exhibit 1 | Committee Registration Statement filed on December 3, 2007 by Yes for South King Fire Campaign. |
| Exhibit 2 | Summary Reports of Contribution and Expenditure Activities filed on December 3, 2007 by Yes for South King Fire Campaign. |
| Exhibit 3 | Monetary Contributions Reports filed on December 3, 2007 by Yes for South King Fire Campaign. |